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CAT PAINTER

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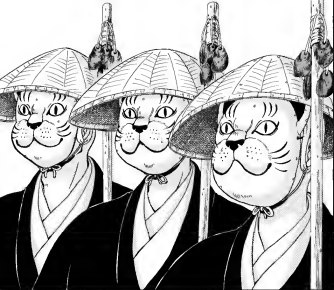
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MEOWM-ITABHA
にやんまみ陀仏だぶつの巻























LISTEN
UP,
BRATI

STOP IT,
MR. ICHI-
NOSUKE!



HE'S
RIGHT.

HEY,
BAZOU
--

HIA HA HAI
OH,
COME ON!
THAT MUCH
FOOD'S
NOTHING!



SO DON'T GO
GIVING OUR
FOOD AWAY TO
SOME CATS!

WE'RE IN A
BUSINESS WHERE
WE DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHEN
OUR NEXT MEAL
WILL BE!

B-BUT,
AREN'T
WE
DOING
OKAY
NOW?



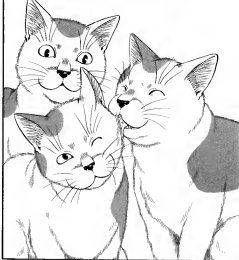
SHIROU,
YOU...!

IT'S NOTHING
COMPARED TO
THE MONEY
YOU'LL NEED
TO BUY THAT,
MR. ICHI











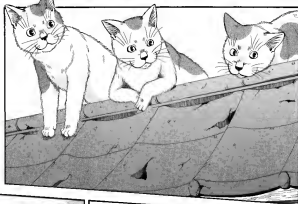








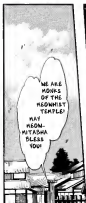




The official bulletin board informed citizens of decrees from the government.









I WONDER WHAT
THEY PLAN TO
DO WITH ALL
THE MONEY THEY
MAKE FROM
MEOWMITASHA.



DIDN'T
THEY
READ
THE
NOTICE?

THEY'RE
STILL
AT IT.

MAY
MEOWMI-
TASHA
BLESS
YOU!

MEOW
HO HO!



HEY!
YOU FAKE
MONKS
OVER
THERE!

MAY
MEOWMI-
TASHA
BLESS
YOU!



OBTAINING
NOT.

REALLY,
I HATE THE
SMELL OF
INCENSE.

WELL,
NEEDLESS
TO SAY,
IT WON'T BE
GOING TO
THE CATS.









...AND GO TO
SCHOOL AND
PLAY WITH
OTHER BRATS
YOUR AGE.

...I WANT
YOU TO
BE A
NORMAL
BRAT...



...YOU
CAN'T
GIVE UP!

THAT'S
WHY...

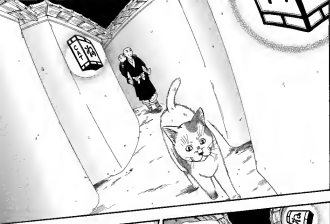


YOU'RE GOING
TO DO ALL THE
THINGS THE REST
OF US WEREN'T
ABLE TO DO.



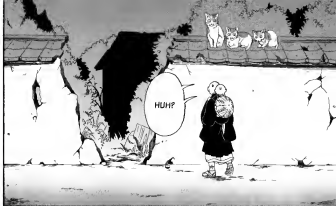
















HEY!
DON'T DRINK
TOD MUCH!
WE HAVE TO
GET OUTTA
HERE BY
ROAD LUNCH

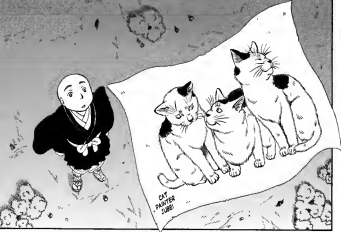
HA HA HA HA
YEAH
YEAH!

SOUNDS
GOOD!

OKAY!
HOW
ABOUT A
DRINK?

YEAH
...









猫絵 十兵衛

御草紙

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トラ助の花見の巻

TIGER'S FLOWER
VIEWING ESCAPE

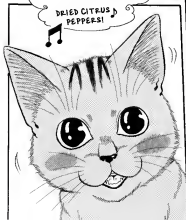






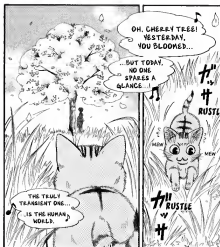














IT'S RARE
TO SEE A
CAT HERE.

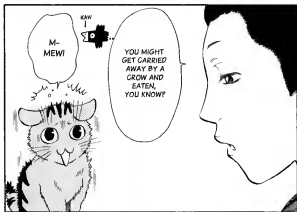
OH,
MY.



MEW...

WHAT IS A
TINY THING
LIKE YOU DOING
IN SUCH A WIDE
OPEN SPACE?













WITH
SUCH A
STRONG
BREEZE ...



EVEN THOUGH
THE LIFE OF
A FLOWER IS
SHORT ENOUGH
AS IT IS.





A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a woman's face. She has dark hair and is looking upwards with a slight smile. Petals are falling around her.

THE HUMAN
HEART IS
THE SAME.

A black and white manga panel showing a small, fluffy cat sitting on a large, dark rock. The cat is looking up at the sky. Petals are falling around it.

...WHICH
THEN FALL
TO THE
GROUND
AND ROT.

FLOWERS
TURN TO
LEAVES...

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a cat's face. The cat is looking up and has its mouth open, showing its teeth.

MEW!







I'M TIRED OF
WAITING FOR
A MAN WHO
DISGUISES
HIMSELF AS
A GENTLEMAN
WITH PRETTY
WORDS.

ALL RIGHT.
LET'S GO.



MEW!

はんぱん

はんぱん

はんぱん

negan

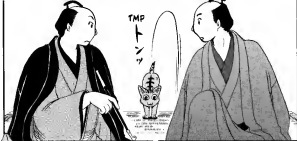


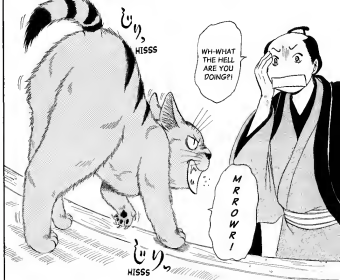














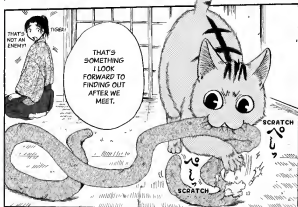












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CAT PAINTER

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しゅうねこ

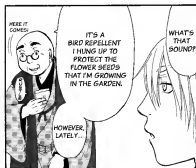
酒友猫の巻

CATS MAKE
FOR GREAT
DRINKING
BUDDIES











...IT SERVES
TO SIGNAL THE
ARRIVAL OF
A CERTAIN
GUEST.

ホイ
→
TOSS



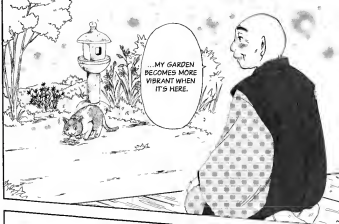
IT REMINDS
ME OF
MYSELF.

A FELINE
GUEST,
THAT IS.

THOUGH
IT ALWAYS
STAYS
AT A
DISTANCE.

AN OLD RETIREE
PASSING ITS
DAYS IN
IDLE LEISURE.













...I'M
AN OLD
RETIREE
WITH NO
FAMILY.

IT'S
NOT THAT
I'VE NEVER
CONSIDERED
RAISING ONE,
BUT...



HEH HEH,
WHY
DON'T
YOU RAISE
A CAT
THEN?

CATS ARE
THE LOVELIEST
CREATURES
IN THE WORLD

WHY,
YES!
OF
COURSE!



IF I
RECKLESSLY
TAKE IN A
KITTEN ONLY
TO KICK THE
BUCKET LATER...



TO ME,
RAISING
A PET
MEANS...

...WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN TO THE
KITTEN I LEFT
BEHIND?





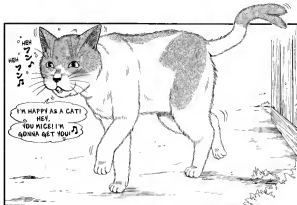


For security measures, the city gates were closed every night.











ARE ALL
CAT DEMONS
LIKE THAT?

NO,
THERE ARE
MANY OTHER
SCARIER
TYPES.



...THEN
HE WON'T
EVER REVEAL
HIMSELF
AGAIN.



ANYWAY,
THAT CAT
IS ONE OF
THEM.

WHEN CATS EAT
WITH RICE,
THEY
SLEEP.



ALL
RIGHT
...

A...

I'LL LEAVE IT TO
MR. TANOSUKE
TO DECIDE
WHAT TO DO.





YOU LOOK
EVEN MORE
CAT-LIKE
TODAY.

CAT-
LIKE?



ねえん
STARE



MR.
TANOSUKE!
IT'S JUBEI!

YES,
YES.



HMM...

?

IT'S
NOTHING!

AH!

はっ
END









MR.
TANOSUKE.



I HAVE
TO GO
ON A BIT
OF A LONG
JOURNEY,
YOU SEE.

WH-
WHY SO
SUDDEN?



THE TRUTH IS,
I CAME TODAY
TO SAY
GOOD-BYE.



THANK YOU,
MR.
TANOSUKE.



BUT THANKS
TO YOU,
I WAS ABLE
TO DRINK LOTS
OF DELICIOUS
SAKE



I'LL PRAY FOR
YOUR CONTINUED
GOOD HEALTH.



...TAKE
THESE DRIED
SARDINES
THAT YOU
LIKE WITH
YOU.

IF
YOU'RE
GOING
ON A
JOURNEY ...



PLEASE!
WAIT!



W-
WAIT!













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CAT PAINTER

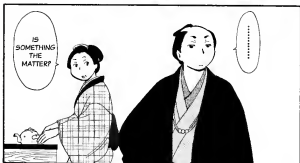
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いない猫の巻

THE INVISIBLE CAT

















THE YOUNG
MASTER WAS
THE ONLY ONE
WHO SAW IT.



NO MATTER
HOW HARD THEY
SEARCHED...
...THERE
WAS NO
TRACE OF
A CAT.



HEY, CAT!
COME OUT.
COME OUT,
WHATEVER
YOU ARE!



MIYOSHI
HALL...
AS IN THE
COSMETICS
WHOLESALE?

THAT'S WHERE
YOU CAME IN,
MR. JUBEL.

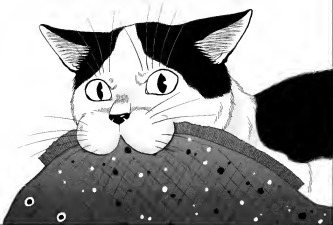


BUT EVEN AFTER
SETTING TRAPS,
FOOD KEPT
DISAPPEARING.

SO,
THEY THOUGHT
THAT IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
RATS INSTEAD.











I SAID
THAT
THERE
ISN'T!

THERE
IS.

NO,
THERE
ISN'T!

BUT,
THERE
IS.



THERE
IS.

THERE'S
NO GAT!

CUT IT
OUT WITH
YOUR
FRANKS!

YOU
STUPID
SON!

M-
MASTER!

OW.



BESIDES
YOU, NO
ONE'S SEEN
ANY TRACE
OF A GAT!

STOP
SPOUTING
NONSENSE!



THERE'S
A LIMIT TO
TELLING
LIES!







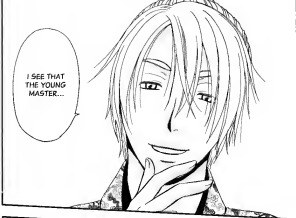












I SEE THAT
THE YOUNG
MASTER...



NOT
YOU TOO,
MR.
JUBEN!

MORE SO
THAN MOST
PEOPLE.



DON'T TAKE
WHAT
HE SAYS
SERIOUSLY!

CLANK



...POSSESSES
HIGHLY ACUTE
SENSES.























Badgers are skilled at digging holes and are often confused with raccoons.











WELL,
YOUNG MASTER
HAS FINALLY
TAKEN PART
IN THE FAMILY
BUSINESS,
BUT...

MR. CAT
PAINTER!

HOW ARE
THINGS?

HEY,
TETSU!



SCRITCH

SCRITCH



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END OF CHAPTER 29





TALES OF A
CAT PAINTER

猫絵 十兵衛

ねこえじゅうべえおとどろし

猫の
しらす
お白州の巻

A CATTY
LAWSUIT









AND
WHAT'S
THAT?!



THEN, IT
CAN CATCH
SOME RATS
TO EAT!
THAT'S WHY
IT'S HERE!

B-BUT ISN'T
IT SAD TO
FEED IT ONLY
GRUEL EVERY
DAY?



BUCKWHEAT
NOODLES
AND MELON?



YOU SHOULD
KNOW THAT WE
OWE ONOYA'S
SUCCESS TO US
BEING THRIFTY!

Y-
YES.



THERE'S
NO NEED!

I WAS PLANNING
TO SERVE THESE
TO THE WORKERS
FOR TANABATA.















THE CAT
COURT
WILL NOW
ADDRESS...

...THE
CHARGES
AGAINST
ONOYA'S
MADAME KOU!



THE
PLAINTIFF
IS...

EEK!



...GAT,
KOMA.

...ONOYA'S...



MADAME KOU
IS ACCUSED OF
BEING A STINGY
CHEAPSKATE.

IN RETURN
FOR FULFILLING
HIS DUTY
OF CHASING
RATS FROM
THE SHOP...



...AS KOMA
CANNOT SPEAK
THE HUMAN
LANGUAGE,
I SHALL
SERVE AS
TRANSLATOR.

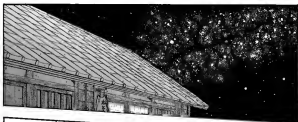
BEFORE
WE
BEGIN...

A-HEU!



MYSA-PI!

どたん
WHUMP













I NEVER
FORGOT...



...THE
KINDNESS AND
WARMTH THAT
I RECEIVED
FROM YOU



I...

BUT,
I...

















IT'S ALL
THANKS TO
YOU THAT I
WAS ABLE TO
REMEMBER.

I'M SORRY
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
THAT'S
HAPPENED
BEFORE.



OHO
HO HO!



THANK
YOU



THUMP
はた

はた

THUMP



MEOW!

WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
STARRY
NIGHT.
WOULDN'T
YOU AGREE,
ROMA?

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END OF CHAPTER 30

猫絵 十兵衛

ねこえじゅうべえおとどそうし



TALES OF A
CAT PAINTER

THE PURRFECT
CAT ACT



ねこ
し
ば
い
猫芝居の巻



TAH-
DAN











CHATTER
わい

WASN'T
UNUSUALLY
BEAUTIFUL?

CHATTER
わい

AS ONE
WOULD
EXPECT
FROM THE
HITOHAZA
TROUPE.

THAT WAS
PERFECT FOR
A SUMMER
EVENING.

THAT FLIPPING
MONSTER GAT
WAS AMAZING!

BUT, IT WAS
SO FUN!

I WAS A
LITTLE
SCARED!

わい
CHATTER





Large-scale productions are those approved by the government (known as Kabuki plays today).
Outside of these productions are all small-scale plays





































OBON IS
COMING SOON,
YOU KNOW.

HEY!

I PULLED OUT
THE FLOWERS
YOU LIKED
FROM THE
GARDEN AND
BROUGHT THEM
FOR YOU!

HI
GRANDPA!



IT MUST
BE TRUE.

THEY SAY
THAT HUMANS
WHO HAVE
PASSED AWAY
CAN RETURN
ON THAT DAY.

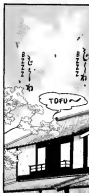


WHEN
GRANDPA'S
NOT HERE...

SO, PLEASE
COME BACK.







SOMEONE PULLED
OUT MY FATHER'S
FAVORITE LILIES!
IT WAS TERRIBLE!



WELL...

DO YOU
THINK IT
COULD HAVE
BEEN OUR
CAT?



SPEAKING
OF WHICH,
WHERE IS
THAT FLOWER
THEFF

SO,
YOU'VE COME
BACK SAFE
AND SOUND.

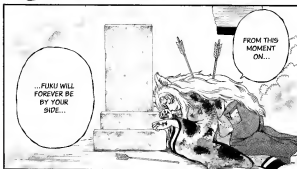
HA
HA
HAI

(I WAS
WORRIED!)



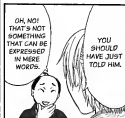














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AFTERWORD



TIGER'S
HAPPY
DANCE



IT'S THANKS TO YOU FANS
THAT *TALES OF A CAT
PAINTER* VOLUME 5 WAS
ABLE TO BE PUBLISHED!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

DURING
THE EDO
PERIOD,
BEGGARS
ALSO GOT
DRUNK AND
PLAYED
AROUND.



THE REASON
THEY USED
SHELLS WAS
PROBABLY
BECAUSE, AT
THAT TIME, CAT
FOOD WAS
SERVED IN
SHELL PLATES.



THE MEOWHIST MONK
BEGGARS IN *MEOWHITABAMA*
ACTUALLY EXISTED.
THEY WENT AROUND
FROM DOOR-TO-DOOR
ASKING FOR DONATIONS
WITH LARGE SHELLS IN
PLACE OF DONATION BOWLS
AND STAFFS WITH CLINKING
SHELLS RATHER THAN
RINGING BELLS.

IT'S ALSO TRUE
THAT THIS SPECTACLE
WAS BANNED
FOLLOWING
COMPLAINTS FROM
EDO-IN TEMPLE.



THIS STORY
ACTUALLY
CONTAINS
A LOT OF
ESTABLISHED
CUSTOMS.

UGHH...
I WISH THIS
WAS IN MODERN
JAPANESE...
MY MIND KEEPS
SPINNING...

I'M SOMEHOW
STILL STUDYING
ABOUT THE
EDO PERIOD



IN A PREVIOUS
VERSION OF
A CATTY LAWSUIT,
BOTH THE TINY CAT
AND CAT STONE
WERE HUGE.



I'M SURE THAT
THE HOUSE IN
THE INVISIBLE CAT
HAS BECOME A
ZOO BY NOW.

AN ISO
VERSION OF
AUTOCAD
PLANT
PLOTTER

LIKE THE
APPOINTMENT-BOOKING
SYSTEM, IT'S A MUST-READ



LIKE THE CAT IN HATS MAKE FOR GREAT DRINKING SUPPLIES, THE NOW DECEASED AZUZI ALSO LOVED ALCOHOL

LICHA 2000-01-01
 LICHA 2000-01-01



IN THE CHAPTER
TIGER'S FLOWER
KIDNAP ESCAPE,
I WANTED TO
TRY DRAWING
A MANKY TIGER.

GEISHA FROM THE
FUKUOKA JEP-LIGHT
DISTRICT WERE SOFT-
HEARTED AND POPULAR
AMONG MEN



A LOT OF SMALL PLAYS AND EXHIBITIONS WERE HELD IN SMALL HUTS ENCLOSED BY WOVEN STRAW MATS, SO IT MUST BE BEEN VERY HOT IN THE SUMMER AND VERY COLD IN THE WINTER. EVEN SO, THE PEOPLE OF EDO WATCHED THEM ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

PLATE 1

THEY EVEN
RECYCLED
BY USING
CARPONS
AND BOTTLES



IN THE FLUORESCENT CAT ACT, VARIOUS PERFORMANCES WOULD HEAD THE HUGE ACTS THAT MADE A THOUSAND RYU A DAY.

IN SMALLER
PERFORMANCES
(MITSUHI PLAYS)
THAT HE
ALSO FEELS
A PERSONAL



— IN THE MIDDLE OF —
WRITING THIS STORY —

MY CAT
USED
TO LEAVE
COOK-
ROACHES
BY MY
BILLOW

THE
COACHES
IN-YOUR-BED
PUNISHMENT
IS THE
WORST.

7-11

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**I WONDER
IF IT WAS**



I HOPE TO
MEET YOU IN
VOLUME 61



ALL RIGHT,
THEN.
I APPRECIATE
YOU READING
THIS FAR.

Thanks

EVERYONE IN
THE EDITING
DEPARTMENT
MADOKA, MIMOTO
GOM, MY FRIENDS,
MY FAMILY

★コミック771★

【ねこばんちコミックス】

ねこ えじゅう べ え おとぎ そう し

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